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Avia Pieridum peragro loca, nullius antè
Trita ſolo. —— Lucret. L. IV.

Notwithſtanding the following letter is written in praiſe of One, who was formerly an Enemy to this Society: yet I was willing to give it a place in our Journal; the Society having reſolved to encourage Criticiſm in general.

BAVIUS.

Sept. 28. 1730.

To Mr. BAVIUS, *Secretary to the Grubæan Society.*

SIR,

YOU have not, I think, confined the learned Diſſertations, which have been publiſhed in your Journal, wholly to Grubæan Subjects: but have ſometimes condeſcended to publiſh Poems and Criticiſms on ſuch as may be eſteem'd Parnaſſian. This, I ſuppoſe, may proceed partly from your impartiality, and partly from an opinion, that modern Criticiſms are in the province of your Society. Be that as it will, I venture to ſend you ſome thoughts on a Poem of a new ſpecies, which aroſe in our nation, no longer ago than the middle of the laſt Century: I mean the inimitable HUDIBRAS. It is ſomething ſtrange, that a Poem, which does honour to our Country, ſhould never have engaged any *learned* pen in its explanation: when a Writer of the firſt rank has employed ſome of his time in ſerious Criticiſms on two or three of our old Ballads.

I call it a new ſpecies of Poetry, becauſe I do not know of any Poem now extant, which is written in the ſame manner: tho' the *Margites* of Homer ſeems to have been of this ſort, which Ariſtotle tells us had the ſame relation to Comedy, which the *Ilias* and *Odyſſey* have to Tragedy. The way of writing, which Homer introduced in that Poem was new: for thoſe, who before him brought in low characters, wrote in a very abuſive manner, which he laid wholly aſide, treating them only with pleaſantry and ridicule. What other rules were obſerved in that Poem is unknown, they being probably contained, together with thoſe concerning Comedy, in Ariſtotle's ſecond book of Poeticks, which is loſt. Now as our Author had no opportunity of ſeeing either this antient poem, or the rules, which were to be obſerved in writing after that manner; we may very juſtly, in my opinion, allow his poem to be an Original. And, tho' perhaps he never read Ariſtotle, or any other critical writer, yet nature and good ſenſe taught him to write in ſuch a manner, that I ſhall not fear to enter upon his examination, by ſuch rules as we find in that Prince of Criticiſm.

But before I proceed any farther, it will not be amiſs to conſider, what name ought to be given to this kind of writing. Some have called this piece a *Burleſque poem*; but that name, I think, belongs more properly to thoſe poems, in which a thing in its own nature ſerious is turned to ridicule. Others call it a *Mock-Heroick*; but this ſeems rather to expreſs thoſe pieces in which ridiculous actions are burleſqued, by being related in heroick verſe. Nor can I, with others, call it a *Mock-Epick*; which name is no more proper to be given to this Poem, than that of a *Mock-Tragedy*, to be aſcribed to Comedy. Give me leave to call this way of writing HUDIBRASTICK, in honour of this excellent example now before me.

The HUDIBRASTICK, for ſo I now take leave to call it, is to differ from the Epick, as Comedy does from Tragedy. It muſt be narrative like the Epick: it muſt, like that ſpecies of Poem, have its Fable, its variety of Characters, and its proper ſtyle: but all theſe in ſuch a manner, as to move not terror or compaſſion, as in Tragedy; but laughter, as in Comedy. The FABLE muſt be form'd by the narration of one, entire, ridiculous Action: the CHARACTERS muſt be ſuch as either occurr in low life, or are in their own nature odd and ridiculous; and theſe in as great a variety as poſſible: and the STYLE or Language muſt be contrived ſo as to heighten the ridiculouſneſs of the repreſentation.

The Action of *Hudibras* is the Knight's ſetting out on a ſeries of ridiculous attempts to gain the heart of a perverſe Widow, with whom he is in love. It begins with a revival of his paſſion, which had ſlept for ſome time; and concludes with his utter diſappointment. The whole is carried on in ſuch a manner, as renders the principal Actors ſufficiently ridiculous.

There is the greateſt variety imaginable of odd and low Characters. The Knight and Squire are exceedingly odd; and at the ſame time entirely different. The ſeveral perſons, who compoſe the Bear-baiting mob, are admirably well drawn, and keep up their own low characters when ever they are introduced. The Widow, the Aſtrologer, his Man, the Lawyer, are all excellent in their kind, and conſiſtent.

The Language in Hudibras contributes very much to the ridiculouſneſs of the repreſentation, by the odd, and often new words the Author makes uſe of, by the meaſure of his verſe, and by the very Rhymes. I am not ignorant, that ſome have reckoned the double Rhymes as a blemiſh in Hudibras: and it has been objected that they are of no uſe; becauſe they could give no wit to any paſſage, which had none before. This is certain; but the ſame may be objected to the Rhymes, the Numbers, or the Meaſure of any Poem. Verſe itſelf cannot give either Wit or Senſe to a mean or fooliſh thought: but it can heighten them where they are already. The ſame may be ſaid of the double Rhymes in Hudibras. They give no wit, no ridicule, to a flat or dull thought or expreſſion: but they heighten the ridicule that was otherwiſe in the repreſentation itſelf. I could produce many inſtances of this, out of my Author: but at preſent ſhall beg leave only to produce one, which I believe every impartial Reader will allow to be a Relation highly ridiculous, and yet more ſo on account of thoſe Rhymes, which I have endeavoured to vindicate.

Mean while th' incomparable *Colon*
To aid his Friend began to *fall on*:
Him Ralph encounter'd; and ſtraight grew
A diſmal combat 'twixt them two:
Th' one arm'd with Metal, th' other with Wood;
This fit for Bruiſe, and that for Blood:
With many a ſtiff thwack, many a bang,
Hard Crab-tree, and old Iron rang.
While none that ſaw them could divine
To which ſide conqueſt would incline:
Until Magnano, who did *envy*
That two ſhould with ſo many *men vie*,
By ſubtle ſtratagem of brain
Perform'd what force could ne'er attain.
For he, by foul hap having found
Where Thiſtles grew on barren ground;
In haſte he drew his weapon out,
And having cropp'd them from the root,
He clapp'd them underneath the tail
Of ſteed, with pricks as ſharp as nail.
The angry beaſt did ſtraight reſent
The wrong done to his Fundament:
Begun to kick, and fling, and wince,
As if h' had been beſide his ſenſe;
Striving to diſengage from *Thiſtle*,
That gaul'd him ſorely under *his tail*.
Inſtead of which he threw the pack
Of Squire and baggage from his back;
And blund'ring ſtill with ſmarting Rump,
He gave the Knight's ſteed ſuch a thump,
As made him reel. ——

If you ſhall condeſcend, Mr. BAVIUS, to publiſh this Criticiſm on an Author, by no means of your Claſs; and give me leave to preſent you with ſome farther obſervations on the ſame ſubject; I ſhall eſteem it as a favour done to

Your conſtant Reader,
and humble Servant, *M. J.*

The following letter comes from an eminent member of our Society.

Dear Bro. BAVY, *Salisbury-court, 10 Sept.* 1730.

PRAY adviſe me what to do. I have been ſo bold as unluckily to draw myſelf under the reſentment of the tremendous Deputy Warden of the Fleet, as you'll ſee by the enclos'd *: on the publication whereof, his terrible perſonage was pleas'd to ſend a Mirmidon of his, more than once, for me to come to him to anſwer for my audaciouſneſs; and becauſe I ſent him word I was engag'd at home in my common affairs, he haughtily ſent me word, he would make me come to him; which I as haughtily replied; It muſt be when I am in or near the ſtrong Room. Then he ſent another of his milder Tools to expoſtulate with me about this affair, to know the reaſon why I would venture to publiſh it, after our brethren the Daily Poſt, Daily Poſt-Boy, *cum multis aliis*, had refuſed it. I told him I thought the Letter would ſhine in my Paper ſince it had glitter'd under his hand. I am inform'd he is forcibly procuring a ſubſcription, under the hands of a few perſons unhappily under his care, to carry on a proſecution againſt me: and that another ſubſcription is voluntarily ſet on foot by the reſt of that houſe to defend me with their Lives and Fortunes.

I deſire you'll lay this before the Society, that I may have their Advice next Journal-day.

Your readers and mine admire your Journal takes no notice of the Society's good old brother

G. P. Philomath. and Ephemeriſt.

I cannot but think our learned Brother much to blame, to inſert the Letter he alludes to, without firſt conſulting the ſtars about the conſequence. I am of opinion, however, that if he can but keep out of the *ſtrong room*, his adverſary will hardly be able to do him much harm.

The following Letter is written with ſome warmth: but as the writer of it ſeems to be ſtirred up by no worſe a motive, than a great concern for the honour of his country, I could not refuſe it a place in this paper.

Mr. BAVIUS,

I Generally buy thoſe books that come from the Univerſities, and have great expectations of pleaſure and inſtruction in the reading of them. I was lead by that curioſity to read an Oration upon the *Beheading* of Charles the firſt, lately ſpoken at Cambridge, but printed here, by Mr. Taylor, Fellow of S. John's College.

I own to you, I was much ſurpriz'd to meet with any thing ſo vehement and hot upon the ſubject at this time of day: but I was in a ſweat and trembling when I came to thoſe words, page 23. *ab infami illa & in omnem memoriam exſecrabili Scotorum gente nundinatum, addictum, auctionatum* (Carolum) *that nation of Scots infamous and accurs'd to all eternity!* What immediately follows upon the whole Engliſh nation, *a ſuis demum judicio fiſti*, —— but I won't meddle with that; let them look to it: I am of the number of the *infamous* and *execrable*.

Now I ask you, Mr. BAVIUS, and you, MÆVIUS, without paſſion, Whether this pert Fellow of a College is not very much to blame? Whether he does not really deſerve cenſure and puniſhment for ſuch a horrid outrage upon a whole nation? Surely he intends to be Fellow of a College, and enjoy his *ſomno & religionibus*, as he expreſſes himſelf in the 19th page, as long as he lives: (I hope he will) otherwiſe he would never have talk'd at this rate, and ſet his name to ſuch grievous words. 'Tis much none of thoſe *graviſſima capita* that heard him ſhould keep him from printing ſo terrible a Declamation; eſpecially when it might be eaſily proved, that 'tis contrary to Hiſtory and matter of fact; and not only ſo, but in almoſt every page falſe Latin. See the very firſt ſentence, *Vix arbitrabar fore, eum quidquam proferre oportere.* I humbly conceive that *fore, eum oportere* is bad Latin. It ſhould have been thus: fore, *ut is*, qui verba *eſſet* facturus, quidquam proferre *neceſſe haberet*; or to that effect. If the Profeſſor of Humanity at Aberdeen had had this ſenſe to expreſs in Latin, he would have done it perhaps after this manner. Vix *credideram fieri poſſe, ut is*, qui ex hoc dicendi loco verba *eſſet* facturus, quidquam proferre *neceſſe haberet*, quod vel ad invidiam hominum levandam, vel ad ſui muneris rationem vindicandam ſpectare videretur. I am yours,

CALEDONIUS.

In our laſt, under the article from the Pegaſus, l. 32. read *The Daily Journal.*

LONDON.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D. P. *Daily Poſt.*
D. J. *Daily Journal.*
E. P. *Evening Poſt.*
S. J. *James's Even. Poſt.*
W. E. *Whitehall Even. Poſt.*
L. E. *London Even. Poſt.*
L. J. *London Journal.*
F. *Fog's Journal.*
Cr. *Craftsman.*
Un. Sp. *Univerſal Spectator.*

Important articles omitted in our laſt.

Yeſterday at Hackney died Mrs Littler, Wife [illegible] Littler, a noted Stocking-maker in Spittle-fields. *D.*

* Penny Poſt, Sept. 7.

On friday Will. Beſt, Maſter of Will's Coffee-houſe in Cornhill. *C.* 21. —— On ſunday Mr. George Colton, Footman to his Majeſty. *P.* 22.

THURSDAY, *Sept.* 24.

On the 16th, at S. George's Spaw in Southwark, was an entertainment of martial muſick; the Compoſitions were by Mr. Bapt. Grano: at which were preſent ſome perſons of the firſt taſte, who expreſſed their admiration to a wonderful degree. *C.* —— Yeſterday the Indian King, &c. were at Mr. Jordan's, the famous Organ-builder in Southwark, where they heard ſeveral Organs; particularly that fine one made for Holy-Rood Church, Southampton, with which they ſeemed extreamly pleaſed. *D. P. S.J. L.E.* —— *The ſatisfaction which theſe* Perſons of the firſt taſte *received from theſe different ſorts of* Muſick, *is here expreſſed in a very different manner.* The Indians *only* ſeemed extreamly pleaſed, (*a vulgar* way of ſpeaking) *but the others* expreſſed their admiration to a wonderful, *or admirable* degree. *An* admirable *expreſſion!*

The Publick may be aſſured, that it was the unanimous opinion of the Court of Directors of the Eaſt India Company, that the private-trade Tea ſhould be ſold next ſale; which reſolution was unanimouſly confirmed by the next Court. *Ibid. D.J.* —— Yeſterday they appointed David Wilkie to be Commander of the Heathcote. *C. D.P. E.P. W.E.*

The ſame day died in Albemarle-ſtreet, the Lady Hariot Vere, Siſter to the Dutcheſs of S. Alban's. *D. P.* Daughter to the late Awbrey de Vere, E. of Oxford: Dutcheſs Dowager. *P. E.P. W.E.* —— At Mile-end died John Elwick, Eſq; formerly an eminent Linnen Draper in Cornhill, and a Director of the Eaſt India Company. *C. P. D.P. S.J. W.E. L.E.* Eſſick. *D.J.* Ellick. *E.P.*

It is certain that David Polhill, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Rocheſter, is made Keeper of the Records in the Tower of London. *D.P.* 4 *Ev. P.*

The King having been frequently diſturbed in his ſolitude in the little Park at Windſor, by ſome rude petitioners, and particularly on ſunday laſt by a German woman, who grew very outragious, when ſhe was told that it was an improper place to preſent petitions in; the Guard has ſince been doubled, to prevent any inſults of that nature for the future *Ibid.*—— *I am glad, that no* Engliſh Woman *has yet been ſo impudent.*

Laſt friday ſe'nnight, between 5 and 6 in the morn a fire broke out at Mr Griffith's, a great Diſtiller at the upper end of High-holborn, by leaving the head of the ſtill off, and the ſpirits boiling over: but with much difficulty the flames were put out. *E. P.*

The London Evening-Poſt, *contrary to all the other Papers, ſays, that* R. Topham, Eſq; bequeathed his Library to the Cotton Library at Cambridge.

We hear that the drawing of the preſent Lottery at the Hague, is deferred 'till Octob. 19. *D. J.*

We hear from Cambridge, that the rev. Dr. Adams was laſt ſaturday elected Maſter of Sydney Suſſex Coll. *L. E.*

FRIDAY, *Sept.* 25.

Yeſterday a nimble little Drawer at the Baptiſt Head Tavern, Old Baily, ran up to the gallery of the Monument, and down again, for a conſiderable wager. He had 3 minutes to do it in, but performed it in 2 minutes and half, and 2 ſeconds: as he was running down he often cry'd, Coming, Coming, Sir. *C.*

Wedneſday night, as a Rogue was getting into the D. of Bedford's houſe in Bloomsbury-ſquare, he was ſhot dead by the man who was ſet to watch the houſe, &c. *D. P.*

SATURDAY, *Sept.* 26.

Yeſterday John Smith, a Hackney Coach-man, convicted before the Commiſſioners for licenſing, &c. for exacting more than his fare, and fined 20 s. was by them committed to Newgate 'till he pays the ſame. *C. D.P.* 4 *Ev.*

Laſt night the corpſe of the Marq. of Annandale, after lying in ſtate in the Jeruſalem Chamber in Weſtminſter-Abbey, was interred there with great funeral pomp and ſolemnity. *P. D.P. E.P. W.E. L.E.*

They have begun the foundation of an Hermitage, or Hermit's cell, in Richmond Park; and likewiſe the deſign of a fine hill of trees, in the manner of a Roman Theatre, by her Majeſty's order, *D. P.* 4 *Ev.*

Mr. Tho. Harris of Dorking was choſen, without oppoſition, Coroner for the County of Surrey, at Guilford. *Ibid. E.P. W.E. L.E.* Darking. *S.J.*

Yeſterday was held the firſt Court at Bridewell, before Mr. Alderman Parſons, the Preſident, ſince his return from France; when were try'd, corrected, diſcharged, and kept to hard labour, above 60 perſons. After which received their charge, as Governors, Mr. Tho. Smith of Alderſgate-ſtreet, Mr. Sam. Smith of Cheapſide, Mr. John Haſſel, Mr. George Blakeſley of Cannon-ſtreet, and Mr. John Markham, Apothecary to the Charter-houſe, and a Governor alſo of S. Bartholomew's Hoſpital; who gave the accuſtomed entertainment to ſeveral Governors at the Queen's arms tavern in S. Paul's Church-yard. *Ibid.* 4 *Ev.* The concourſe of Spectators was greater than ever was known. *W.E.*

Yeſterday at a Gen. Court of the South-Sea Company, the minutes of the laſt were read and confirmed, and the names of the Gentlemen laſt choſen for the Committee of vii to inſpect the Bye-Laws being read, viz. Sir Mat. Decker, Sir Greg. Page, Bar. Edw. Harriſon, Geo. Harriſon, Joſi. Wordſworth, Rob. Briſtow, and Jam. Colebrook, Eſqs; they were continued. *D.J.* 4 *Ev.*

Thurſd. at a Gen. Court of the Welſh Copper Company in Phillpot-lane, for the election of a Governor, and 5 Aſſiſtants, for the year enſuing; the following Gentlemen were unanimouſly choſen, viz. John Mulcaſter, Eſq; Gov. Francis Boteler, Eſq; Dep. Gov. Pet. Hartopp, Sol. Aſhley, Eſqs; Mr. Cave Wiſeman, Mr. Alex. Barham, and Mr. John Buffar, Aſſiſtants. 4 *Ev.*

The run-away Negroes in Jamaica being grown ſo numerous as to render themſelves a Terror to the Inhabitants ſettled near the mountains, we hear that the Hector man of war, Capt. Peter Solgard, and the Princeſs Louiſa, Capt. Digby Dent, are to proceed forthwith to Gibraltar, where Kirk's Regiment is to imbark on board of Tranſports, to be convoy'd to Jamaica; where they are to be imploy'd in reducing the Negroes to their obedience, which the preſent ſtrength of that Iſland has not been able to effect. *D.J.* 4 *Ev.*

Thurſd. Mr. Beaumortier, a French Miniſter of the Epiſcopal diſtinction, and of a very good family in France, who uſed to preach at Greenwich and other places, in Engliſh, ſhot himſelf thro' the head, at his lodgings in Litchfield-ſtreet, with a Piſtol, which was found in his hand after he expired. *Ibid.*

Yeſterday Michael Will's going to the Gatehouſe with a priſoner, the noted Moll Harvey ſet upon him, knock'd him down with a Pewter Chamber-pot, with which ſhe beat him ſo violently that his life is in danger. *S.J.* —— *I think* Willis *ought to reſign his office to this Virago: the enſign of whoſe authority ſhould be* a Pewter Chamber-pot.

Tueſday Mr. Stammers and Company went to Richmond, and dreſs'd a dinner in his Majeſty's Park, and din'd after the manner of the Eaſtern Nations, according to their annual cuſtom. *L. E.*

Yeſterday there was a ſeizure of Tea and other goods, in Roſemary-lane, near the Tower, to the value of 2000 l. one of the conſtables, who attended the officers, was very much wounded. *L. E.*

We hear from Houndſditch, that a righteous Pawnbroker of that place, under the diſguiſe of a Parſon's habit, was lately apprehended at a certain Tavern, with a common Miſs of the Town. *F* —— *For the future, when I hear any ſuch ſcandalous ſtory of a* Clergyman, *I ſhall conclude he was ſome* Pawn-broker, *and not a* Parſon; *who, if he whores in a gown and caſſock, ought to be hanged in the ſame* habit.

MONDAY, *Sept* 28.

We hear, that Mr. Atterbury, Son of Dr. Atterbury, late B. of Rocheſter, has obtained a warrant under his Majeſty's ſign manual, for leave to go to France to viſit his Father. *C. D.J.*

Saturday, the Duke and Ducheſs of Bedford ſet out from their ſeat at Wooburn in Bedfordſhire for the Bath, for about 3 weeks. *D.J.*

The ſame morn. Thom. Dugwell, a watchman at Cox's Wharf, Southwark, was unfortunately killed by a fall, as is ſuppoſed, into the Thames. His body was found about 6, jaumed between the piles and a ſhip's bottom, with his thigh broke and his brains beat out. His ſtaff and lanthorn were found aſhore, with the candle turned up. *D.J.*

TUESDAY, *Sept.* 29.

Yeſterday John Fuller, Eſq; and Sir If. Shard, Knt. the new Sheriffs, were ſworn at Guildhall, whereupon the old Sheriffs delivered up to them the keys of the City Gaols, which they returned again to the preſent Keepers. *C.* &c. —— The ſame day was [were] ſworn into the office of under-ſheriffs, for John Fuller, Eſq; Mr. Weſtley of Elme-court in the Temple, and for Sir If. Shard, Mr. Greenaway of Thavies's Inn. —— Afterwards the R. H. the L. Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs, were ſumptuouſly entertained at a dinner at Haberdaſher's-hall. *C.*

Yeſterday Rob. Johnſon, Eſq; Gov. of South-Carolina, and the Indian King and Chiefs, were ſplendidly entertained by the Merchants trading to that Province at Pontac's. They went afterwards to the New Play-houſe in Lincoln's-inn-fields, to ſee the Tragedy of Oroonoko. *C. D.P.* —— Two of them (the moſt inferior) ſoon after dinner privately departed, and were not found when the company broke up. *D.J.*

Friday Don Lewis Beaufort, having lately meaſured the South-Sea Company's ſhip P. William, and found her burden under what the Company is intitled to, attended at the South-Sea houſe, and preſented his certificate of it, with the ſchedula ſhe is to carry to Carthagena and Porto Bello. *D.J.*

A Patent is paſſing the Great Seal, conſtituting Edw. Barker, Eſq; to be receiver of the Tenths of the Clergy. —— Yeſterday the Commiſſioners of Queen Anne's Royal Bounty, met at the Lottery-office, Whitehall; and choſe Tho. Moore, Eſq; Secretary, in the room of Edw. Barker, Eſq; —— At the ſame time, Hen. Turner, Eſq; was made receiver general of the firſt-fruits. *P.*

Yeſterday the Dutcheſs of Richmond was ſafely delivered of a Son, at her houſe in the Privy-Garden, Whitehall. *P.* By the aſſiſtance of Sir Rich. Manningham. *D.P.*

Laſt week died in Norfolk the Rev. Mr. Sullin, one of the Prebendaries of Weſtminſter. *P.*

Laſt week the Camp in Windſor Foreſt was broke up, and the 2 Regiments which were incamped there are now upon their march for their ſeveral quarters. *S.J.*

This day Hum. Parſons, Eſq; the ſenior Alderman under the Chair was unanimouſly choſen L. Mayor, for the year enſuing; after which the L. Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs were handſomely entertained at dinner, provided for them at Draper's Hall by the late Sheriffs. 4 *Ev. P.*

From the Pegaſus in Grub-ſtreet.

In our 22d *Journal* we complained of our learned Brother F. OSBORNE, who in the *London Journal*, Numb. 565. had reflected upon ſome of the Weekly Writers of our Society, as being diſaffected to the preſent Adminiſtration; and among other ſevere expreſſions had inſerted the following: 'We ſwarm at this time with State-'Mountebanks, Political Quacks, and Reforming Ver-'min; who, without a ſhilling in their pockets to buy 'a dinner, —— write ſatyrs upon the age, —— and 'thro' meer *neceſſity* or *malice*, laſh all ranks and orders 'of men, &c.

As to the point of diſaffection, we ſufficiently vindicated our Society in our Journal above-mentioned: and as to the motives of writing in general, and even theſe in particular here objected againſt ſome of our Members, he has himſelf, upon maturer thoughts, lately publiſhed a ſhort but full vindication of them. His words are theſe, *London Journal, Sept.* 5. Numb. 579. 'This week we ſhall read 'in the *Craftſman*, that tho' OSBORNE has declared 'againſt receiving money, yet he has a Place, and expects 'a better. But what has the Publick to do with theſe 'private things: his motives or mine in writing? Suppoſe 'I ſhould ſay, that his motives were *to get his bread*, and '*gratify his* pride and *malice:* what has the Publick to 'do with it? The only thing is, whoſe *argument* is *right*, 'or whoſe *facts* are *true*.

This frank Declaration is certainly very juſt, and at the ſame time very favourable to the generality of our ſociety; which in confirmation of it can produce many inſtances of Authors who write admirably, upon every one of the motives juſt mentioned. However it muſt be acknowledg'd, that there is a good deal of difference betwixt the productions of affluent and neceſſitous Writers: and as the one are inclined to obeſity, and the other to ſtrigoſity; ſo *ſubtility* is generally wanting in the works of the former, and *ſolidity* in thoſe of the latter. The medium, as in moſt other caſes, is likewiſe beſt in this before us: and an Author in pretty good plight, who has always *a* ſplendid *ſhilling at leaſt in his pocket to buy a dinner*, generally ſpeaking writes with more ſpirit, than another who wants one: tho' ſome exceptions may be found among us to the contrary. And even among thoſe whoſe circumſtances are eaſy, one may very often diſcover the greater or leſs advantage a Perſon receives from his writings, by the writings themſelves; and the performance will frequently manifeſt the pay. By this we may account for the difference there is betwixt the Compoſitions of three of our learned Members, the *Britiſh, Reads*, and *London Journals*; and for the ſuperiority, which the laſt has over the two former. To this is likewiſe owing that complete victory which he has lately gained over the CRAFTSMAN, which was a ſecret to our whole Society, till his own authentic account of it in the *London Journal, Sept.* 12. Numb. 580. was read at the Pegaſus. To this account he has added a ſimile in blank verſe; which the ignorant Printer having ſet in the manner of proſe, it has been taken for ſuch by the generality of Readers. But Mr. MAVIUS having diſcovered it to the Society, the whole was ordered to be exactly printed, without the leaſt addition or diminution, as a ſpecimen of a polite period well turned in proſe, and an admirable ſatyric ſimile in verſe.

'He [the *Craftſman*] has been trying ſeveral weeks to 'ſtand up againſt the *force of reaſon*, and reſiſt *the power 'of truth and argument*; but all in vain: ſenſible therefore 'of his defeat, and conſcious that he is driven out of the 'field, he flies for refuge to *low ſcurrilities*, and *the moſt 'contemptible Billingſgate*. In his laſt letter to himſelf: 'he *ſtands ſtill*, and *rails, and ſcolds*.

—— —— —— So have I ſeen
'A cow'rdly, ill-bred, country, mungrel Cur,
'Who, tho' *afraid of all*, yet *ſnarls at all*,
'Upon receiving a few *good ſound laſhes*,
'Take refuge in the houſe, put his head *out of*
'*A hole, and bark.*
'Let the Dog bark on &c. MAVIUS.

Edinburgh, Sept. 17. Yesterday Geo. Donald was hanged, for the murder of Rob. Stuart. He was upwards of 90. He said, that he bore no ill will to the person he killed, but that it was the effect of being over-heated with liquor; from the excessive use of which he exhorted all persons to abstain. He seemed penitent, and gave abundance of satisfaction to the Ministers who attended him. *P.* 24.

Dublin, Sept. 19. On thursday a desperate duel was fought in Phœnix-park, near this city, between a Gentleman of the Law, and an Officer of Horse, with sword and pistol, which was decided in favour of the latter, who shot his Antagonist in the left wrist, so that the ball was taken out at the back of his arm: the challenge was given by the Counsellor, who was affronted by the Officer in a manner that he would not pass. He snapp'd his pistol first, which missing fire gave his enemy the opportunity to disable him, for his own safety, he having but one charge, instead of two. *D. P. D. J.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Sept.* 24.

Yesterday arrived the Mail from France.

Paris, Sept 30. N. S. Letters from Rome of the 10th advise, that Card. Caraccioli died the 6th, aged 88, whereby a 6th Cap is vacant. *C. P. D. P.* —— On the 25th and 26th the King of Portugal's 2 great bells were weighed in the scales; when both appeared to weigh but 40,000 pounds, whereas the Founder had charged them at 40,000 a piece; and the 4 lesser likewise wanted 2 thirds of weight. They are to be weighed again at the Steel-yard: but there wanting about 70,000 pounds weight of metal, the Founder has been committed to Fort L'Eveque. *Ibid. D. J. S. J. W. E.*

Some days ago a Priest returning from Seve to Versailles, was attacked by some young Surgeons of Versailles, who bastinadoed him to such a degree, that he died saturday last. The Surgeons, who are fled, were angry at the Priest's performing several cures gratis. Warrants are issued out against them; and if they can be taken, the K. has ordered, that they shall be severely punished. *C. S. J. W. E.* Surgeons Apprentices: caned him in such a manner. *P.* The K. has given orders —— to put them to the greatest torture. *D. P. L. E.*

Leghorn, Sept. 16. From Rome 'tis wrote [written] that the D. of Savoy, King of Sardinia, who has resigned his dominions to his Son, hath sold the said Kingdom to the King of Spain; if so, 'tis very probable they design to winter in that Island, in order to be near at hand in the spring. *L. E.*

Barcelona, Sept. 17. Yesterday arrived a French Tartane, the Captain of which averrs, that he saw about 12 leagues eastward, near Cape Thoulon, 20 sail of Spanish men of war, 18 of which sailed the 10th, and 2 the 11th: which is matter of great surprize to us, for 'twas here generally believed, that they were bound for Cadiz. There is now no more talk of discharging the transports; but on the contrary, 'tis said they will be continued in the service. The imbarking heavy cannon, &c. on the transports is again renewed, and those designed to carry horse are completely fitted; so that on a very short notice the Fleet may be dispatched. *Ibid.*

FRIDAY, *Sept.* 25.

Hague, Sept. 22. N. S. Some People are persuaded, that the Court of France will not pay all that deference they could wish, to the remonstrances of the English, in relation to the demolition of Dunkirk: that this may occasion some coldness between the 2 Courts: and that the Emperor will endeavour to improve it, by proposing to sell Ostend and Nieuport to the English; which would be a vast increase of the Commerce of that Nation, and be equally advantageous to the subjects of the Austrian Netherlands: but these things sound so romantick, that we are forced to discredit them, at the same time that we are willing to communicate what we hear. *P.* —— Some People's persuasion *is only* imagination. *Had this* Writer's *intelligence been formerly so good, he might by communicating the* EMPEROR's *designs to the* ALLIES, *have hastened* DON CARLOS's *expedition.*

Paris, Sept. 27. A Prisoner in this city, a few days ago, made his escape in a very particular manner. One of his comrades died in the jail: whereupon he conveyed the body out of the way, and exposed himself upon the bier, and was carried out to the place of interment, but just as they were about to lay him in the earth, he started up and ran away. This put the attendants into a terrible consternation; who fled as fast from him as they could, as if they never desired to see him more. —— It has been resolved in Council, that all mournings, reserving those that are worne for Fathers or Mothers, shall be again retrenched to half the time. In Germany, the mourning is only a Crape ty'd to the left arm. —— An extraordinary operation in Surgery, recommended in the Demonstrations laid down in Lectures by M. Hunauld, Professor of Physick at the Royal Garden in this city, viz. An amputation of the *humerus*, or shoulder, in the joint, when there is no other possibility of saving the Patients life, having been actually done in Holland in the presence of Dr. Boerhave with success, was thus performed by M. du Verney, Surgeon. First, a very strong ligature was made on the great artery, by passing a needle under the arm, near the *axilla*, to prevent an hemorrhage: then, by a semicircular incision on the top of the shoulder, it, was disjointed, leaving as much flesh underneath, together with the ligature, as served to turn up, and cover the wound and naked part of the *scapula*, neatly turned, in order to unite thereto: and this with proper compress and bandage, partly as in a luxation of that joint, finished the work. *P.* —— *This is a very odd account, without the name, quality, age, complexion, disease, &c. of the Patient: no year, month, day, or hour; no place, company, or weather mentioned. For my part, having read the learned* Dr. T——'*s admirable Cases in Surgery, I relish none but very circumstantial relations.*

Carelsruke, Sept 23. We see here, in one of the gardens of the Margrave of Baden Durlach, a very fine plant call'd The grand Indian Panoniene. It is 12 foot high and a foot and 8 inches in circumference; its leaves from 6 to 7 foot long. It began to blossom Aug. 12, has put out 35 flowers, and in all appearance will soon produce more. *D. J.*

Barcelona, Sept. 17. N. S. On board the Globe, Capt. Amos Moore, one of the transports; her 2d Mate having corrected the Cook, he threatened, that he would be revenged: and at some distance of time, seeing an opportunity, he run him through the body with a spit, so that he died on the spot. The Cook was immediately seized, and is now in irons on board her. *Ibid.* —— *This* Cook *deserves a severe punishment for thus acting out of the proper way of his trade; none but* Soldiers *and* Gentlemen *having authority to* spit flesh alive.

SATURDAY, *Sept.* 26.

Yesterday arrived the Mail from Holland.

Moscow, Sept. 5. 'Tis said, that P. Emanuel of Portugal is to command the 30,000 Russians, which are to pass into the Emperor's service, and that this Prince will resign his regiment of Cuirassiers in favour of Baron Stein, the present commanding Colonel. *D. P. D. J.*

Vienna, Sept. 20. By the last dispatches from Count Conigsegg at Paris we have advice, that the Court of France has insinuated to his Excellency, that in case the Emperor had no further articles of accommodation to offer, than what had been already communicated, the Court of Spain would still make some enterprize in Italy. *D P.*

Berlin, Sept. 23. We hear from Warsaw, that the K. of Poland was to set out for Grodno the 20th; and that he has sent orders to Saxony for continuing the new Levies, to compleat all the regiments, in order to have an army of 30,000 effective men. *C. D. J.*

MONDAY, *Sept.* 28.

Brussels, Oct. 2. N. S. Signor Lanti, a famous Eunuch Musician, Director of the opera here, has quitted the Theatre, and is made a Canon in the collegiate church of S. Gomar at Liere. *C.*

Rome, Sept. 9. Signor Massei, Nuncio at Paris, is ordered to go and stay at Avignon, 'till he be made Cardinal; that he might not give the precedency in his own house to the natural Sons of France, as his Predecessor did, to the great disgust of this Court. —— Card. Caraccioli left but 300 crowns to his poor family, and a silver boccal and bason to Card. Corradini: for he died very poor, being used to give all he could to the poor. *P.*

Sept. 13. Some Tartuffs having observed, that many Prelates, because of their indisposition, wore wigs, complained thereof to the Pope, who gave them for answer, That they should see to reform bad works and evil customs, and not wigs. —— The Company of Butchers having never a Church of their own, have bought that of Biagio della fossa, whereof the next morning they took possession. *Ibid.*

Hamburg, Sept. 26. The troops of Hanover quarter'd in the County of Oldenbourg, are forthwith to march out, and the County is to be restored into the hands of the King of Denmark, his Majesty designing to pay off the mortgage. *D. P.*

Naples, Sept. 5. The imperial regiments continue to hold themselves ready to march, having orders to take the field the end of this week, to form the camp proposed near this capital, on the side of Bara and S. George at Cremano; upon advices which we have received, that the Spanish fleet was ready to put to sea; but this encampment will much prejudice the approaching vintage. *D. J.*

TUESDAY, *Sept.* 29.

Yesterday arrived the Mail from Holland.

Rome, Sept. 16. It is said that a discovery has been made, by some intercepted Letters, that the Cardinals Coscia and Fini had resolved to quit the territories of the Church, and that the former designed to retire to Genoa. *W. E.*

Vienna, Sept. 23. This Court has received advices, which leave no room to doubt but the expedition to Italy is put off till next spring. Mean while, the negotiations will be continued all the winter for accommodating matters between the Emperor and the King of Spain. There are even handed about here some preliminary articles, upon which it is reported that the new congress is to proceed. *Ibid.*

Leghorn, Sept. 16. The Island of Corsica is in greater confusion than ever, which very much perplexes the republick of Genoa. *Ibid.*

Amsterdam, Oct. 6. They write from Berlin, that a great council of war is going to be held there, in which the Prince of Anhalt is to preside. *Ibid.*

Dresden, Sept. 20. It is plain the Court is under some consternation at what has been doing at a neighbouring one; tho' a Person of distinction just arrived here from the Marquisate assures us, the differences so much talk'd of have not wanted the aggravations usual in the relation; that the bottom of the affair was a flight designed upon the wings of love; and that all will soon be well again, and the young Lover restored to favour. *P.*

Yesterday arrived the Mails from France *and* Flanders.

Moscow, Sept. 5. Tho' the Turks have filed off many of their troops from Bender and Astracan towards Constantinople, there remain still in those quarters above 40,000 Crim Tartars: for which reason orders have been sent to the commanding General in Ukrania to keep the Cossacks under his command, or at least 20,000 of them, as well as 20,000 regular troops in a constant readiness, to prevent an incursion from the Tartars. *D. P. D. J.*

Paris, Oct. 4. By private Letters from Madrid we are informed, that Don Lewis Spinola having made a report to their Catholick Majesties of his negotiations at the Court of France was returned thither [to Madrid]; that he fell ill upon his arrival, and that his Catholick Majesty had appointed Count de Morthemar Lieut. Gen. of his army, to succeed in the command of the troops design'd for Italy. *D. P.* —— The King, Queen, Prince and Princess of Asturias, &c. embarked at Seville the 10th inst. for Port S. Mary's. *D. J.*

Brussels, Oct. 2. On friday last, the spiritual Court pronounced sentence of excommunication against Messr. Coppens and Weymans, Canons of our Cathedral Church, and their Prebends were at the same time declared Vacant, because they refused submission to the Church in accepting the constitution *Unigenitus*, as enjoin'd them. *E. P. W. E.*

Paris, Oct. 4. We learn from Bretagne, that 2 mines had been discover'd in that Province; one of Lead, wherein 200 workmen are employ'd; and the other of silver, on which men are preparing to work very suddenly. *E. P. L. E.*

Our transmigrated Brother *The Weekly Medley*, who (to use his own words) *vanished away instantaneously* the beginning of last May, having used to print a weekly Catalogue of Books just published: we being convinced of the usefulness of that design, resolve for the future to continue it, beginning where he left off. By this means the Curious may see in this *Journal* a compleat Catalogue of the Works of the Learned in general, and of our Society in particular, printed in England.

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